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## Trial Sanctified.

I lay my cares and griefs away  
Like flowers, to press within a book  
That when, upon some thoughtful day,  
I turn the leaves on them to look.  
Some memory sweet to me may come  
Of duty done for Jesus' sake;  
Of peace, from loss and sorrow born.  
The world can neither give nor take.  
The year, with folded leaves, will hide  
All care and grief, all sin and loss,  
If thou, dear Lord, wilt with me 'bide  
To sanctify my every cross.  
—Selected.

## Smicksburg, Pa.

Feb. 24th.—The writer left home to assist Eld. J. B. Wampler in holding a series of meetings at the Glade Run meeting house. We first had the pleasure of meeting Brush Valley congregation. Preached a few sermons there and assisted in installing Bro. Robert Bouser as minister. Bro. Bouser is a promising young man with considerable talent as a speaker. Hope he may become a useful servant to the church. Met brethren of Glade Run at the place appointed for our revival, and a grand revival it was, taking into consideration all things. Our meeting closed with still an interest. There were 14 additions in all, which have already been reported, and one applicant. Two of those baptized were formerly Presbyterians, one Lutheran and one I understand, was formerly a Baptist.

We extend our thanks to the brethren for their hospitality. May the Lord bless them. Brethren, be faithful. If the Lord be for us, who can be against us?  
E. H. SMITH.

## Linkville, Ind.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—Please say to the Brethren in central or southern Kansas, (through your paper) that owing to the health of my wife, I desire to locate in a milder climate, and near a congregation of the Brethren. I am a blacksmith by trade and will work at my trade and also serve the church if desired. Any information will be gratefully received. Address

ADAM H. MASSENA.

Linkville, Ind.

## Nickerson, Kan.

April 5th.—I closed our last series of meetings April 3d, with one applicant for baptism. This is my third series since New Years, besides my regular appointments. I preached in all fifty-one sermons. Immediate results, 11 by baptism, 2 restored and three by relation, with one applicant for baptism. This was all within our home territory, and shows that where no outside help can be had, the home ministry should not neglect to work the field with whatever ability they may have.

J. W. BEER.

## Middletown, Va.

We are a little band of Christian soldiers here, and are doing the best we know to bring people to the Cross of Christ. We intend to have a series of meetings, and brethren E. B. Shaver and John Duke McFaden are ex-

pected to be with us. May we have the prayers of God's people that the effort may be the cause of many souls turning to Christ. I have many friends going the downward road to ruin: one dear brother and several brother-in-laws; I hope they will turn to the Lord's side before the meeting is over, and also many others. The United Brethren gave us a great deal of help in prayer meeting work here. Thank the Lord for their kindness.

MARY C. B. STEELE.

## The Virginia Convention.

A notice appeared in the EVANGELIST some time ago, requesting the churches of Virginia to assemble in their respective congregations to consider the propriety of holding a State Convention, for the purpose of supporting an evangelist. All the churches were consulted and notified of the time and place of holding the convention, except the Roanoke church, which was not notified. Just who should bear the responsibility, I am not prepared to say.

The convention was held at Providence, Warren Co., April the 3rd, 1886. Bro. John W. Leedy was elected Chairman, and the writer Secretary. Bro. A. Trobaugh was the delegate from Rockingham Co., representing four congregations. The secretary represented the Round Hill congregation; my father, John E. Copp, Providence congregation. After brethren Shaver, Leedy, Rinker and others stated the object of the convention, on motion the delegates retired, and in a short time reported Eld. E. B. Shaver, state evangelist for the year beginning April 1st, 1886. The Secretary *pro tem* was elected State Secretary and Treasurer. A resolution was offered and adopted, to make an apology to the Roanoke brethren, for neglecting to notify them of the time and place of holding convention. The Secretary is hereby authorized to offer such apology. As the Roanoke brethren were not apprised of the convention, it was decided that they and the evangelist consult as to the support and acceptance of said evangelist.

The deacons of the different congregations were requested to solicit aid for the support of the missionary or evangelist.

Bro. Jacob Rinker was appointed Solicitor for the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, for the Providence church; Bro. John W. Hockman, for Round Hill; and Eld. Jos. Bowman, Rockingham church. It was suggested that the solicitors inquire as to whether any member is so unfortunate as to not have a copy of the New Testament Scriptures.

G. A. COPP, Sec.

## Bro. Abbott at Buffalo, Ind.

April 5th.—Yesterday I met with the brethren and friends at Buffalo to fill our regular appointment and to tend to the ordinance of baptism, there being six applicants, who were buried in the likeness of our dear Sav-

ior's death and born into the kingdom of God, and we trust, raised to walk in newness of life. The school house being shut against us, we have to hold our meeting at private houses. By request we again tried to preach in the evening to quite an interesting congregation, and extended an invitation. Two came forward as applicants to become members of the Brethren Church. They will be baptized in the near future.

As a result of our labors during the past year at this place we have received ten by baptism, one by relation, and two applicants, making in all thirteen, with bright prospects for the future. If they live consistent lives and walk worthy of the vocation wherein they have been called, it will become a strong class and a power in the hands of God for good. We ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters every where in behalf of this little band, and for myself that I may still be able to instruct them in righteousness. We have done our part of the work. There remains eight to have the work completed. Now who will be the one to complete the work by prayer and laying on of hands?

Z. E. ABBOTT.

La Paz, Ind.

## Sweet Home, Ind.

Apr. 3.—As I have not seen anything in the papers for some time from this part of the field it may be of interest to your many readers to know how we are getting along.

Since my last report, seven more precious souls joined the church at this place. One sister was added today who was expelled from the G. B., one week ago, for wearing the female hat. We say God bless sister Whitmer. We can testify that she is an exemplary Christian if she did wear a hat. She also obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine that her Savior delivered and that is more than many can say who dress differently. We hope she may hold out faithful to the end of life's journey.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers is still our pastor and under his leadership the church is getting along as well as can be expected for so large a family. We number one hundred and five at present, and still there is more to follow soon. Bro. W. W. Summers will preach for us next Sabbath and Bro. Rittgers fills his appointments at North Manchester. That will be nice, I think, for us all we can hear different brethren preach and not disappoint any one.

We were made to feel sorry from the bottom of our heart for Brother Bauman, but we have the consolation of knowing that those that have not the spirit of Christ, are none of his, and if we hold out faithful to the end we will obtain the crown. So fight on and pray on, Bro. Bauman, and finish your cause and the blessed promise is yours. You are not the only one that is being persecuted for the cause of Christ.

May the Lord abundantly bless

us all, is the prayer of your Brother.

F. H. FRAME.

## Things In General Some Things In Particular.

Ministers' wives, read this: "All wives of ministers in good and regular standing will be furnished with the *Housekeeper* one year for 20cts. We want to abolish all the dyspeptic ministers. How can a man hit hard at sin in the pews, when his breakfast lies like a brick in his stomach." The object is a good one, and the paper is a first-class monthly. The Jan. number has 32 pages. It is worth the money. Send for it, preacher's wife. Brides can get it for the same price 20cts. Regular price to ordinary mortals, \$1.00. Address; The *Housekeeper*, Minneapolis, Minn.

Canon Farrar says: "While we are disputing and wrangling often about the uncertain—often about the infinite—the enemy is at our gate. What injures the cause of Christ is not in the least the evidence of indifference, but the mismanagement of those differences." To some extent this is true. If our differences were better managed there would be less friction, but to manage our differences better, some body will have to throw overboard a load of selfishness and prejudice.

What is the matter with some of the brethren, that they should talk about doctrinal preaching as they do. If there is any one in the church preaching feet-washing at funerals, communion at weddings, or baptism at prayer-meetings, etc., why don't you go and tell him of his fault between him and you as the word directs, and not tell it to the church first. If some one has been preaching doctrine too strongly why don't you name him and do the fair thing; don't hide behind the bushes. Bro. Bashor is the only man that seems to understand my article on the subject. The principal point I made, was that I was to do my own preaching, and others were not to dictate my sermons. That is my position and I intend to stand by it. I am willing to receive advice from my brethren, as they can testify, but when I enter the pulpit, I will not allow another man to say you must not preach such and such a thing, but you must preach so and so. No brethren, I am responsible for what I say, and when God and I work together in the pulpit you must keep hands off. This is my position, and by the help of God I intend to keep it.

There is one thing my brethren will find out, either from observation or an unpleasant experience; viz., the church always on the defensive will not thrive. There must be aggressive work, then there will be health and prosperity as well as life. The time for us to stand still has gone by. Christ says: "Go," and we are to go or suffer the consequence of standing. Christ has placed in our hand a sword,

the word of God, and we are to make it long enough by stepping nearer the enemy. It is without a scabbard; we are to keep it bright by using. The history of any church that does no aggressive work is generally written on her tombstones.

Lancaster city is alive, so are our brethren. They were not quite starved out though it had been a long time between meals. Lancaster is a good point to work because of the country back of it. It is a good point to do missionary work. There are members in the church, (G. B.), who do not know there has been any trouble. A man asked me if Holsinger had come back to the church yet. The city itself needs a good long pull. We have much opposition there but our few members and helpers are strong and sound in the faith; do not be discouraged, Dagon is falling before the Ark of the Lord.

Never mind brother Bauman; the slanders of your enemies will go home to them after while, like chickens: such things generally go home to roost. The devil has put his dogs on your track but he who gave the lions the lock-jaw will take care of you. Don't stop to kick at them too long; that will please the old gentleman. If you don't stop but go on in your Master's work, he'll make hell blue with madness. You see you have been punching some of his agents and he is going to hurt you if he can; but never mind, God is greater than satan, and the first five minutes in heaven will repay you for all your trouble here. There your tears will be wiped away, and your lame boy walk with soundness, and your five little ones be given you again. God grant your family circle be there complete where nothing enters that loveth or maketh a lie.

A new work has been started and by God's help will be carried through. We have formed a tract society, the object of which will be to scatter tracts, brief and pointed. It is not to interfere with any church work, but to aid and feed them. There is a demand for such things and while our brethren are attending to the interest in other sections, we will attend to this and endeavor to save souls and advance our common interest. This society has backbone in it and can stand alone already.

Our letter is getting long, as we want to say more next week. We will say, do not be discouraged, God brought us this far and he can take care of us the balance of the way.

JOHN DUKE.

## Religious Intelligence.

General Newton Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army, reached San Francisco from Australia Tuesday.

The meeting of the American Congress of Churches for 1886, will be held at Music Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, May 25-27. Governor Foraker will preside. See Special Religious Notices.